

# JOHN BOSS, MARIANNA GERTSCH BOSS AND MARGARETA GERTSCH BOSS



John Boss, son of Conrad Boss and Margareta Boss (no relation) Boss, born November 2, 1831, in Grindelbachwald, Berner Oberland, Switzerland.  
Married Marianna Gertsch, January 1857.

*Architect of Newer  
Rock School  
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in Grindelbachwald, Berner Oberland, Switzerland.  
Married Margareta Gertsch April 30, 1891, at Interlaken, Switzerland.

Died March 12, 1912, Midway.

Marianna Gertsch, daughter of Christian Gertsch and Maria Schumacher Gertsch, born April 11, 1835.

Died August 22, 1885.

Margareta Gertsch, daughter of Conrad Gertsch and Margaretha Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch.  
Born April 20, 1873, at Weigen, Berner Oberland, Switzerland.

Died March 27, 1960, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Married in Midway.

John Boss was a native of Switzerland. For at least three generations his progenitors belonged to the Lutheran faith.

Norman was introduced into Switzerland in 1850 by Thomas B. H. Steinhilber, a Mormon missionary. He introduced it into his nineteenth year of age. The residence of the John Boss family was at the base of the Alps in the little town of Grindelbachwald, in Berner Oberland.

The father of John Boss was a farmer and builder of homes. He, in turn, instructed his son in this craft and most useful profession. Later on, John Boss became proficient in erecting new homes and emerged into contractual work. He became a designer and architect of renown. There are standing today beautiful tourist hotels which he constructed.

In the year 1875 he was convinced Mormonism was true. He embraced this new faith, became baptized, and was confirmed a member December 30 this same year.

John Boss married Marianna Gertsch. Together they were the parents of twelve sons and daughters. His wife died August 22, 1885.

Commencing with the year 1888, a daughter and in the following two years, two more daughters and one son, emigrated to Utah. These also were converts to the Mormon faith. The spirit of gathering actuated John Boss to arrange his affairs and prepare to go to the valleys of the Rocky Mountains where the Saints of the last days were gathering. In the early spring of 1891, John Boss married his second wife, Margareta Gertsch. At the time she was a convert to Mormonism, as were also her father, mother, brother and sisters. This marriage took

place April 30, 1891, at Interlaken. The papers authorizing his emigration to Utah bear the date of April 28, 1891. Their arrival at New York was May 20, 1891. Ten days later they were in Salt Lake City, and from thence were sent to Midway. This valley had been assigned to receive many Swiss converts, because it partook so much of the atmosphere of their Alpine home land.

After his residence in the valley, John Boss continued his former profession. He built homes, other buildings, and assisted in construction of the Midway school house. His building activities continued until his decline of health.

From his second marriage nine children were born. All were born at Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. The date of these children's births, as also marriages, and deaths are as follows:

John Boss, Jr., born June 19, 1891. He married Clara Jane Alford, June 8, 1938.  
William Boss, born July 24, 1892; married Annie Bischoff, January 5, 1920.  
Arnold Boss, born January 12, 1894; married Annie J. Hallday, October 7, 1917.  
Ida Margaret Boss, born September 20, 1895; married Evon Peterson, November 29, 1916.

Conrad Boss, born December 27, 1897; married Ruby Abegaylen, October 19, 1921.  
Rosetta Boss, born February 27, 1900; married Gerald Olson, August 23, 1922.

Clara Boss, born August 23, 1902; married Alvin Pace, September 14, 1927. She died at Hovsleville, Utah, August 30, 1933.  
Henry Boss, born March 29, 1905. He died at Midway, May 25, 1913.  
Stella Boss, born April 9, 1906. She died at Midway, October 24, 1909.

